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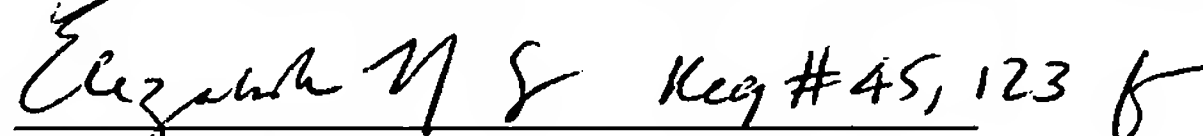
Invention: DNA POLYMERASE FUSIONS AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 20, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-30 for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Applicants also elect the subgroup of Pfu-Sso7d' with traverse. Applicants submits that claims 1-30 are readable on this subgroup.

It is submitted that the Restriction Subgroups are not patentably distinct and are obvious variants. In particular, Applicants submit that as discussed in the instant specification at page 3, lines 5 through 22, DNA polymerase fusions comprising a DNA polymerase fused to any one of: the helix-hairpin-helix DNA binding motifs from DNA topoisomerase V, the thioredoxin binding domain to T7 DNA polymerase, the archaeal PCNA binding domain to Taq DNA polymerase, DNA binding protein Sso7d or DNA binding domain Sac7d all exhibit the identical property of increased processivity and therefore would all be useful according to the methods of the invention.

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